

## U. S. TROOPERS NEAR VILLA BASE BATTLE AT PARRAL IS EXPECTED

### BERLIN DENIAL DELAYS ISSUE OVER U-BOATS

U. S. Must Amend Plans to Decide Question Solely on Sussex, Officials Say.

### OTHER ATTACKS MATERIAL Exceptions Taken to Reported Distinction Drawn by Germany Between Ships.

Germany's flat denial of responsibility for destruction of the French channel liner Sussex with the loss of fifty lives may cause a delay in settlement of the submarine issue, officials said today.

In the face of the report of the German government that it has made a full investigation and found none of its submarines guilty of the attack, officials said the United States would feel itself compelled to act with the greatest deliberation when left to judge between the allied governments' charges and the German denials.

### MUST CHANGE PLAN.

The result of this situation, it was said, will be to compel the United States to amend its plan of deciding the submarine issue with Germany almost solely on the Sussex case, and will make it necessary for the Administration to take into consideration all the recent submarine attacks.

Consideration will be given to the cumulative evidence afforded by alleged submarine attacks on more than a score of vessels since the new U-boat policy went into effect. The result may bring further delay in settling the issue.

Germany's denial of responsibility, it is pointed out, places the United States in the position of judging the case on evidence submitted by one side alone, inasmuch as the testimony of Americans aboard the Sussex is not considered conclusive.

The United States will proceed with caution, it was said, before setting itself up as judge and throwing out Germany's defense without giving Germany a hearing.

### Evidence Due Tomorrow.

The official text of the Berlin government's denial had not reached the State Department today, but it was expected hourly from Ambassador Gerard.

The complete evidence taken at the British and French investigations is expected to reach the State Department tomorrow. This evidence may prove conclusive, but this will not be known until Secretary Lansing has had time to go over the evidence in detail.

Officials took exception to statements made in press dispatches that Germany denied responsibility for the attacks on the Manchester, Engineer, Englishman, Eagle Point, and Berwindale, in which American lives were lost or jeopardized.

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### Woman He Hugged Saves Him in Court

Man Annoyed Straphangers on "L" and She Arrested Him.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Only the intervention of the young woman who had arrested him in a crowded Third Avenue "L" train saved a man, who said he was James Herlihy, thirty-five, from being sent to the workhouse by Magistrate McGuire in night court. At the last moment, Dr. Sophie Rosenbaum, a dentist, begged the magistrate to impose a fine. He complied with her request, but Herlihy hadn't any money with him, and had to go to a cell.

Dr. Rosenbaum said she was holding to a strap when the train reached 125th Street. She moved away and would have let the incident pass, she said, had not the man performed the same antics with another and younger woman who stood near by. Seeing Sergeant Murphy in the car, Dr. Rosenbaum arrested Herlihy and turned him over to the policeman.

In night court Herlihy said he was a married man with three children, and was at a loss to explain his conduct.

### EIGHT PASSENGERS HURT AS SUBURBAN CARS MEET IN SNOW

Brakes Fail to Check Moving Trolley, Which Dashes Into Stalled One.

### ACCIDENT NEAR MT. RAINIER

The snow and sleet storm last night caused a rear-end collision on the City and Suburban line near Mt. Rainier about 11:30, in which eight persons were injured.

Slippery tracks prevented the brakes from taking hold on the wheels, resulting in an east-bound car crashing into a stalled car.

The eight passengers are suffering from more or less serious injuries. They were on the rear car.

**The Injured.**

The injured, all of whom live in the nearby Maryland communities, are: Richard Harvey, cut about the face, rs. F. A. Pence, shock.

Frederick Snowden, bruised about the body.

Mrs. Frederick Snowden, bruised about the body.

Mrs. Charles Rocker, bruised about the face.

George T. Markward, sprained back.

Howard Payne, bruises and shock.

Mrs. Nace Brooks, shock.

Officials of the City and Suburban line are conducting an investigation of the accident.

**Ran Into Stalled Car.**

According to persons who were in the accident, a car bound from the city, filled with passengers, crashed into the other car, which had become stalled.

The front vestibule of the moving car and the rear vestibule of the stalled one were badly damaged.

Although an attempt was made by the crew of the moving car to stop it, as soon as the danger of collision became apparent, the condition of the tracks, due to the storm, prevented it.

Many of the passengers were hurled from their seats and some of them striking against the sides of the car or the backs of nearby seats, sustained injuries.

### OLD DOMINION LINE SERVICE IS RESUMED

Truce of Ten Days Arranged in Office of Wilton J. Lambert.

Full service was resumed on all the lines of the Washington and Old Dominion Railway Company today, following recognition of the striking trainmen's union.

A temporary truce of ten days has been agreed to by both sides.

Tomorrow afternoon, at 1 o'clock, and for the next ten days, the recognized representatives of the union will confer with company officials in an attempt to reach a permanent settlement of the strike grievances.

If an agreement is not reached by 4 o'clock on the afternoon of April 12, the men may go out on strike again.

Congressman Carl Vinson, who arranged the conference at which the temporary agreement was reached last night, said today the probabilities were in favor of a permanent settlement.

Meanwhile the forty or fifty striking trainmen of the Washington-Virginia line remained "out," but the company is maintaining its regular schedule, and officials said "We have an abundance of men."

Officials of the company seem determined not to recognize the union, and the strikers appear determined not to give up until the recognition is given.

The temporary ending of the Washington and Old Dominion strike came as suddenly as the walkout was ordered.

### Committees Named.

The union committee, composed of M. F. Patterson, W. C. Sherzer, O. F. Carson, E. C. Putnam, and W. H. Foote, appealed to Congressman Carl Vinson at the Capitol to act as mediator and he consented.

A conference between the union committee and officials of the company was arranged for in the office of Attorney Wilton J. Lambert, general counsel for the company, in the Munsey Building. The company was represented by Colin H. Livingston, president, and W. B. Fournier, general manager and superintendent.

After a two-hour conference the company officials agreed to discharge all the strike-breakers, allow the striking employees to return to work this morning, and recognize the union committee and discuss the grievances for ten days.

**Visit Luray Caverns Easter Sunday.**

Round Trip Southern Railway Special Train leaves Washington 8:10; Alexandria, 8:25 a. m., April 20; arrive Washington, 8:15 p. m., returning, Adv.

### SUFFRAGISTS GIVE FAREWELL LUNCH TO THIRTY ENVOYS

Organizers on Way to Western Battleground Guests of Congressional Union.

### DEMONSTRATION ARRANGED

With more than 300 guests from a score of States, a luncheon was given this afternoon for the thirty women envoys who are to depart from Washington tonight to organize the women voters of the West.

The luncheon was at the Cameron House, on Lafayette square, headquarters of the Congressional Union, which was a busy place all through the morning in preparation for the envoys' departure.

There the arrangements for the great demonstration to be made at Union Station were completed, and there the suffragists foregathered this morning to confer with the envoys before departing.

**Epoch in Movement.**

Mrs. J. A. H. Hopkins, toastmistress, said that the departure of the envoys marked an epoch in the suffrage movement.

"You have an unparalleled opportunity," she said, "upon you rests the responsibility, the tremendous responsibility, of driving home to the voting women of this country their responsibility in getting the ballot for the women, who are yet unfranchised."

"You are to go through territory where you will meet, directly or indirectly, more than 4,000,000 women voters, and it rests with you to so organize the sentiment among these women that they will become a lever for getting the franchise for all women."

All but three of the envoys were speakers at the luncheon. The three who did not attend were Mrs. Nelson Whittemore, Mrs. A. R. Colvin, and Mrs. Cyrus Mead. They will join the special car when it arrives in Chicago.

Among the prominent guests at the luncheon were Mrs. Leonard Thomas, Mrs. Robert Adamson, Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, and Miss Anna Constance of New York; Miss Helen Todd, (Continued on Page Twenty.)

### BRUMBAUGH GETS OLIVER ULTIMATUM

Produce Letter Sent With \$1,000 Check to Prove Personal Gift, Opponents Say.

PHILADELPHIA, April 8.—Governor Brumbaugh must produce the letter, David B. Oliver, of Pittsburgh, a brother of United States Senator George T. Oliver, sent with a \$1,000 check to prove that this sum was a personal gift and not an unaccounted campaign contribution.

This is the latest ultimatum of Pennrose-Oliver followers in the bitter fight between Brumbaugh and Senator Pennrose for control of Pennsylvania politics.

It came on the heels of Brumbaugh's statement charging that Oliver used the check as a weapon to attempt to force his will through the Presidential race.

David B. Oliver, of Pittsburgh, said that the check was for campaign purposes and that the letter which accompanied it will prove so. Oliver also stated that he has a copy of the letter on file, but is not yet ready to make it public.

Governor Brumbaugh, who instructed his followers concerning campaign plans and returned to Harrisburg, declared that the letter will prove the check was a personal gift.

According to Harrisburg dispatches, he is searching among his private papers for the letter.

### "KEEP QUIET" RULE GOES IN DAY TIME

Southern Railway Orders Quiet at Its Stations.

Officials of the Southern Railway announced today that in view of the success of the "Keep Quiet" order issued to night trainmen the rule would be put in force at all passenger stations along its lines during the day.

Hereafter all unnecessary noise must be avoided at Southern stations.

The "Keep Quiet" order will be issued because of complaints from occupants of sleeping berths who reported that when trains reached stations during the early morning hours they were awakened and kept awake by clanging alarm, ringing of bells, sounding of whistles, slamming of vestibule doors, loud talking by members of the train crew, and other noises.

### Instinct of Mother Love Prompts Virginia Woman to Send Poison Candy to Her Son's Sweethearts

Mrs. Sipe Followed Creed When She Believed Boy Threatened by "Them Wimmin'."

### "DEVIL MUST BEEN IN ME"

Kindly Old Person in Jail Tells Why "April Fool" Packages Were Sent.

HARRISONBURG, Va., April 9.—She was scrubbing a window. The sunlight fell upon the neat coils of her white hair as she polished away with a bit of soft rag.

Now and then she paused and puckers of housewifely annoyance marred her placid motherly face while she painstakingly scratched, with a toil-blunted forefinger, at tiny specks of red paint adhering to the glass. At last the stubborn paint-specks disappeared, and the window pane glistened in bright contrast to its dingy neighbors, which were opaque with dust.

She was a homey, grandmotherly sort of a woman—the kind that children instinctively call "Maw" or "Mam." She was absorbed in a homely domestic task. There was no discordant note in the simple picture—except the window itself.

Between the white-haired, gentle-faced old woman with her pail and her bit of soft rag and the outside world, sinister bars of steel criss-crossed the sunlight. For the window which she scrubbed so painstakingly and cheerfully was the window of a jail.

And the strange anomaly of it all was intensified ten-fold when the placid little old woman carefully wrung out her bit of rag, dropped it in the battered bucket, and turned to repeat an amazing confession:

"Thar aint no use lyin' about it. I done it. I sent that thar poisoned candy to them two wimmin. I can't say nothin' good o' myself, so I reckon 'tain no use talkin'."

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### Warns Employees Against 'Influence'

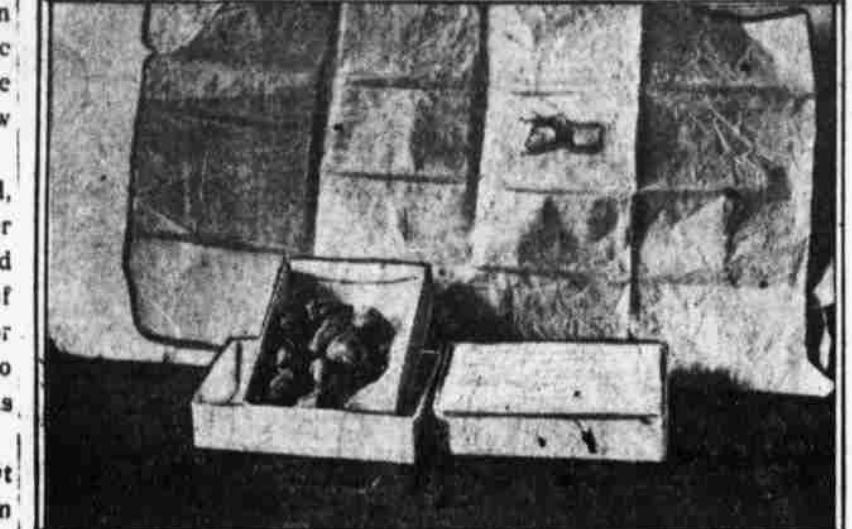
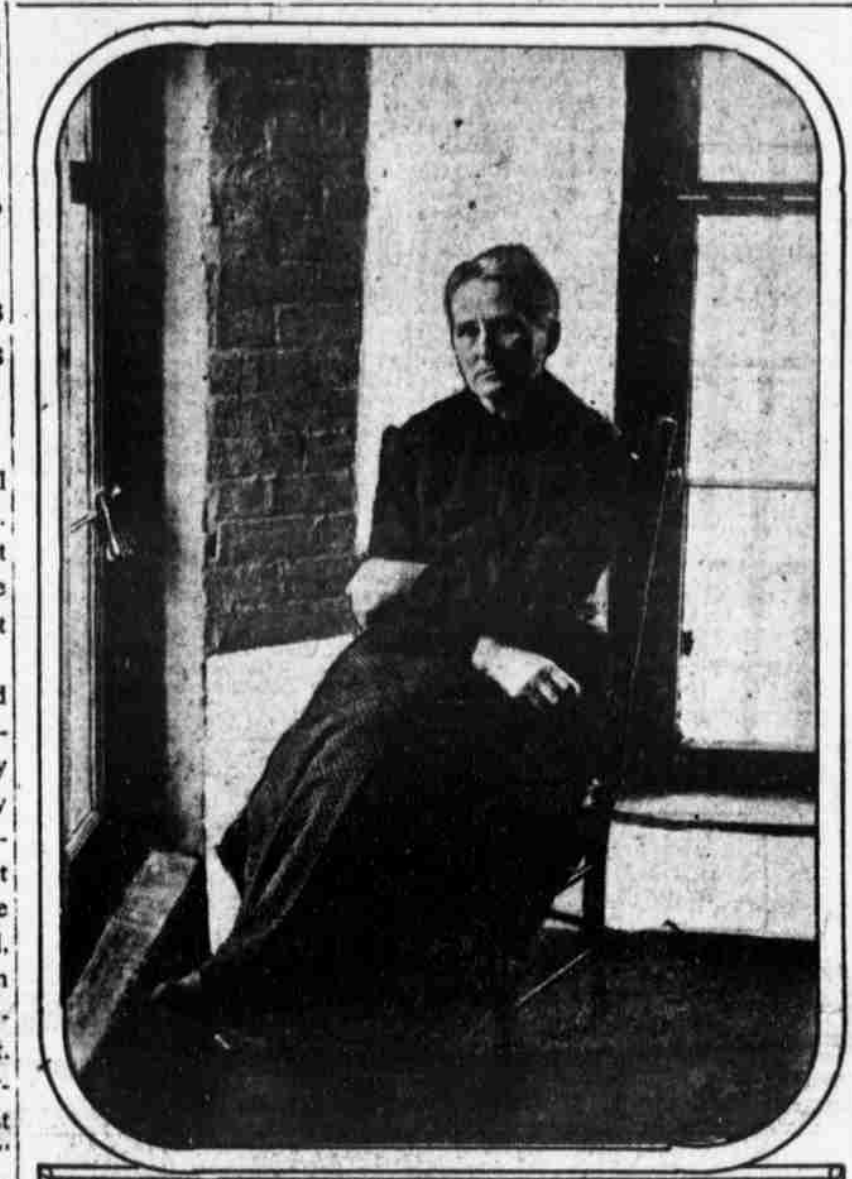
Postmaster Chance Says Wire Pulling in P. O. May Lead to Dismissal.

Employees of the local postoffice who attempt to get promotions through political influence will run the risk of being discharged, according to notice served by Postmaster Chance today.

He has called the employees' attention to paragraph 34 of the Postal Guide of July, 1915, which provides that for the first use of political influence the employee shall be dismissed from promotion, and for the second he shall be dismissed.

Paragraph 34 follows: "No recommendation for the promotion of any employee in the classified service shall be considered except it be made by the officer or officers under whose supervision or control such employee is serving, and such recommendation by any other person, with the knowledge or consent of the employee, shall be sufficient cause for discharging him from the position proposed, and a repetition of the offense shall be sufficient cause for removing him from the service."

Postmaster Chance has instructed superintendents and heads of divisions to call this paragraph to the attention of all postoffice employees.



Above—MRS. MARGARET SIPE, in her cell.  
Below—Boxes of poisoned candy.

### ILLUMINATING GAS TROOPS WILL STAY KILL TWO AGED MEN TO CAPTURE VILLA

August Niebel and Anthony J. White House Statement Clears Apple Are Found Dead in Homes. Misapprehensions Created by Publication of Orders.

Two aged men were found dead from the effects of illuminating gas today. They are August Niebel, sixty-five years old, of 907 G street southwest, and Anthony J. Apple, seventy-two years old, of 434 Seventh street northwest.

Mr. Apple was a native of Carthage, Tenn. He came to this city some time ago, and occupied two rooms at the Seventh street address.

About 9 o'clock this morning, R. G. Blackey, who also rooms at the house, detected the odor of gas. He summoned Policeman G. H. Grant, of the First precinct, and together they broke into the apartment. They found him in bed. Gas had filled the room from a leaky gas stove.

August Niebel was discovered about the same time by relatives. He had not been seen since last night when he went to his room.

When the door of his apartment was opened he was found on the bed, clothed except for coat, collar, and shoes. Gas flowed from two open jets.

### Nine Die on Liner.

LONDON, April 8.—Nine of the crew of the British liner Chantala were drowned when the vessel was sunk, according to dispatches to her owners. The remainder of the crew have been rescued.

### DODD FORCES ON HEELS OF BANDIT CHIEF

Carranzistas Cut Off Retreat Toward the South—Border Tense With Excitement.

### OUTLAW BELIEVED WOUNDED

Troops of First Chief Are Concentrating—Villistas at Torreon May Yield.

SAN ANTONIO, April 9.—A message to Major General Funston's headquarters from Brigadier General Pershing, reiterates the report that Villa is wounded, but does not locate him. Officials believe that Dodd's cavalry, rather than Brown's, may have reached Parral.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 9.—Four hundred miles from the point on the border that marked the start of the Villa chase, United States cavalrymen are pushing their tired horses in an effort to "round him up" and to cut off his escape to the south.

Tense with expectancy, army officers at headquarters are awaiting news of a clash. For days no official reports have come from the extreme front, but other reports say that the advance guard is within rifle shot of Parral where Villa, badly wounded, is said to be.

It is conceded that the next few hours will bring news of an action or that the chase has been halted for lack of supplies.

### BORDER EXCITED.

Reports of the continued mobilization of Carranza forces in northern Mexico have stirred the border to intense excitement.

General Gonzalez, Carranza's favorite commander, is authoritatively stated to have been ordered to abandon his campaign against the Zapatistas around the capital and is en route to Chihuahua to take supreme command of the forces in the north.

But the construction is placed on the military activity. It is believed that Carranza is massing his forces to the number of 20,000 or 30,000 in readiness for a break with the United States.

El Paso reports that the Carranza government is seizing all grain in Chihuahua City held by commission men who have been selling to the American troops for sale.

### Awaits News of Battle.

Unofficial reports say that two squadrons of the Tenth Cavalry are near Parral and news is expected today of a fight or word that the bandit chase has been halted due to lack of adequate supplies due to need of railway transportation.

Brigadier General Pershing has left his headquarters at San Geronimo ranch and gone southward.

A great pack train with supplies passed through Chihuahua three days ago, and is supposed to have placed the cavalry on a "fighting basis" again.

Reports come that Villa is about Parral.

Thousands of Carranzistas are to the south. These facts give high hopes at the border.

Major General Funston's headquarters that a trap may be closing about the bandit.

Developments connected with the change of military commanders at Juarez, opposite El Paso, and the reports of concentration of Carranzistas along the western border are being watched closely by military men.

From a reliable but unofficial source it is learned that the Twenty-third Infantry at El Paso is under orders to move to a point in the Big Bend country of west Texas. This is understood to be for the purpose of establishing a new base of supplies with a view to abandoning Columbus.

The distance from Columbus to the extreme front about Parral, Mexico, now is about 400 miles, and the line of communication cannot be maintained without more troops, it is asserted.

Marfa, a town on the Southern Pacific railway east of El Paso, it is understood, will be used as the new base.

Marfa is fifty miles from Ojinaga, a Mexican town on the Rio Grande. A wagon road runs from Ojinaga to Chihuahua and to Raveo, the distance being about 160 miles. This would make the line of communication slightly over